Railways equity in NTPC Power Project

2849. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHAIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways were considering to have equity participation in power generation projects of NTPC;

(b) whether modalities of such participation have since been firmed up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of legal viability of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d)'Railways are exploring the possibility of* joint ventures with NTPC and other public/private power producers so as to obtain power at reasonable rates. The modalities of such participation have not yet been firmed up.

Opening of DRM office in Ahmedabad

† 2850. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has submitted a proposal requesting for opening of DRM office in Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The new division at Ahmedabad will become operational, depending on the availability of investible resources.

Closure of Rail Parcel office at Dharwad

2851. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to close down the Railway parcel office at Dharwad Railway Station in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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